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Natural Resources Management Gateway

Technology

The Natural Resources Management Gateway provides Corps of Engineers natural resources managers with current, readily accessible information about policies, programs, and practices in support of their mission. The NRM Gateway Website is accessible at: CorpsLakes.usace.army.mil

Problem

The Army Corps of Engineers is the steward of the lands and waters at Corps water resources projects. Its Natural Resources Management (NRM) Mission is to manage and conserve those natural resources, consistent with ecosystem management principles, while providing quality public outdoor recreation experiences. In the past, information pertinent to natural resources managers has been scattered in various locations and the staff expressed the need for information to be available in a centralized location.

Expected Cost To Implement

The user incurs costs only in discretionary time spent using the system. The NRM Gateway runs on computer setups that are readily available, i.e., IBM- or MacIntosh-compatible personal computer with Pentium processor and Microsoft Windows 95 and higher family with mouse support.

Benefits/Savings

The NRM Gateway Website improves communication within the NRM community and preserves the organization's institutional knowledge. This site integrates information about the people, policies, and practices of the NRM community, providing information the way managers manage. Ready access to relevant information enables the staff to do their jobs more quickly and efficiently.

Status

The NRM Gateway is a staged development sponsored by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Recreation Management Support Program under the direction of the Recreation Leadership Advisory Team. The first phase of development focuses on "Recreation for an Internal Audience." Future phases will include identifying additional topic areas (e.g., Environmental Compliance, Environmental Stewardship, and Knowledge Management Modules). As waves of information become available on the site, field staff will be notified. While the site is currently restricted to an internal audience, developers expect the site to be open to the public by the end of 2002.

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Distribution Sources

The NRM Gateway can be accessed online at *CorpsLakes.usace.army.mil*

Available Support

The NRM Gateway is a user-friendly computer-based knowledge management system. Guidance found at the Gateway site should make the system easy to use and navigate.